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**Amendments To The Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph 0018 at page 5 with the following paragraph:

- -Shown in Fig. 1 is an apparatus 10 for preparing a non-dendritic, semi-solid metal alloy composition in accordance with an embodiment of this invention.- -

Please replace the paragraph 0019 at page 5 with the following paragraph:

- -A non-dendritic, semi-solid metal alloy composition is a composition containing liquid metal and discrete solid non-dendritic alloy particles dispersed in the liquid metal. Non-dendritic particles are particles that generally have a spheroidal or ellipsoidal shape, and which are formed as a result of convection in the liquid phase during nucleation and cooling of the liquid below the liquidus temperature of the alloy composition. One accepted theory is that the non-dendritic particles form as a result of convention which causes growing dendritic arms to break off, with subsequent ripening helping to smooth out the particles into the characteristic spheroidal and/or ellipsoidal shapes. For this reason, the non-dendritic particles are sometimes referred to as degenerate dendritic particles.- -